

## THIRD ANNUAL COUNTY COMMENCEMENT FRIDAY

### Program Arranged for Big Day for School Children Judge Pritchard to Speak.

The third annual county commencement promises to surpass anything held of its kind in Hendersonville. Superintendent Shittle has spent a great deal of his time during the past few months and has had the able assistance of a great many teachers of the county in preparing for this event. Promptly at 10:00 Friday, April 27, the grand parade will be held on Main street, where hundreds of children, teachers, trustees, with an array of floats and flags, will march.

Judge J. Pritchard, the principal speaker, will address a vast audience in the big Browning tent at 11 a. m. Judge Pritchard is well known in Henderson county and needs no introduction.

The seventh grade declamation and recitation contest will be held in the city hall from 1:30 to 3 in the afternoon.

From 3 to 4 p. m. the music contest between the county schools will be held in the court house.

A spelling contest will take place between the hours of 4 and 5:30, after which certificates, medals and prizes will be awarded.

The high school recitation and declamation contest will be held at 8 p. m. Friday night, after which a quartette will render several selections.

The following is a list of those who expect to enter the various contests and also a detailed program of the County Commencement furnished by Prof. W. S. Shittle:

1:30 P. M. 7th Grade, Declamation and recitation contest.

Recitations—Janie Condy—Molly Helen Jones—Mrs. Wiggins of the cabbage patch. Bonnie Greenwood.

Declamations—Willis Brittain. Loy Poole—Mothers of Men.

Recitation—Flora Murray—College of cans.

Under the 8th grade under 15 years of age.

Recitations—Viola Hollingsworth—The widow Malone's pig. Irene Mitchell—Temperance. Burnette Pittillo—Lasca. Syble Capps—Naughty Zell. Louise Posey—Angelina. Hazel Shepherd—Who knows the most? Helen Johnson—Seel's things at night. Rosa Drake—Aunt Polly's George Washington. Reba Orr. Pear Whitaker—The challenge. Marie Fletcher—Polly's surprise party.

Declamations—Marion Willis—The South that is to be. Brannon Westall—The Survivors of Bunker Hill. William Slatery—The blessedness of work. Lloyd Ward—Burr Rabbitt and his cow. Durah Kilpatrick—Seel's things at night. Raymond Allison—Seven little pupils. John Albert Courtney—Bettie and the Bear. Robertson Cathey—How Cyrus laid cable. Atholl Edwards—Our country.

Music Contest.

Chorus and quartette music. Dana Balfour, East Flat Rock quartette. Valley Hill, Mills River, Tuxedo, quartette.

Spelling Contest.

Erline Floyd, Erline King Doran Pace, Luke Sinclair, Mossie Jones, Bettie Corpening, Ola Bane, Lillie Summy, Allie Drake, Flora Murray, S P. M. High School Declamation and Recitation Contest.

Recitations—Ethel Long—Watching the Sparking. Ruth Livingston—The two Martyrs. Nellie Slatery—The Elmer Johnson—Choosing a Profession. Ruby Edwards—The First Settlers Story. Thelma Andrews—A Soldier's Reprieve. Vernon Waters—Uncle Josh in New York.

Declamations—J. C. Brittain—American Citizenship. Jesse Bell—A place for the Country Boy. John Fisher—The Old South and the New. Ernest Powell—Eulogy of Henry W. Grady.

VACATIONS MIGHT BE SPENT ON FARMS.

### Shipman Gives School Boys Tip as to Where They Might "Sow Their Bit"

Commissioner M. L. Shipman, in connection with the movement for increasing the production of food stuffs in this State is getting out a letter to the editors of North Carolina urging them to co-operate in an effort to secure an effective distribution of labor. His department has no funds on which to operate an employment bureau, and his suggestions is for the town and country people to get together to keep the farms, where shortage of labor is already keenly felt, supplied with sufficient help to raise more feed crops.

The most striking of his suggestions is that the schools be asked to consider this question and that the high school boys seriously reflect on spending their vacations at farm work.

The Commissioner's letter which fits in with the work of the food commission, will be sent to every newspaper in the State as soon as it can be mailed out.—Raleigh Evening Times, April 17.

## MANY EMPLOYEES LEAVE FOR WORK IN MUNITION PLANT

### Miss Ruth Law Back in Chicago—Powder Concern Makes \$10,000 per Hour in Profits.

From Our Own Special Correspondent Chicago, April 23.

Mrs. Margaret Langster recently convicted in the Circuit court of New York and sentenced to a term of imprisonment in the Bridewell prison for disseminating birth control doctrines in the city and will lecture tomorrow night at Orchestra Hall. Unlike New York there are no statutes in this state forbidding the public discussion of such subjects. Mrs. Langster is a woman of great accomplishments refined and cultivated, a fine speaker, and very much in earnest in the subject she discusses. She will establish a clinic in the city, where she will have the backing and encouragement of many of the leading women in the city, who are strong advocates of birth control.

Many of the largest meat packing houses as well as other large manufacturing concerns of this city are losing their employees to such an extent as to seriously embarrass their operations. This is caused by the immense demand for and high prices paid by the munitions of war factories. It is not surprising that these concerns welcomed war with the Central Powers. The du Pont Powder works is capitalized at two hundred and forty millions. It is worth at the price the stock is now selling eight hundred millions. Last year the profits were \$10,000 an hour for every day in the year. Every month more than seven hundred million, and for the year ninety millions.

Before the war the number of employees were 5,000. Now more than 50,000 are employed. Immense sums have been paid out in dividends, and the stockholders have literally piled up millions of dollars. Now that the United States and allies are in the market for powder and shells, this great corporation, only one of many in the United States will possibly double their profits of last year.

Chicago in a few days will become the greatest training school for aviators in the United States. Here is to be located the government training school where hundreds will be taught the art of flying, preparatory to being sent to the war zones.

Miss Ruth Law, the young woman who has the record of the longest flight ever made is a resident of this city. She has just returned from the front in France. We here she made several flights over the battle fields of Arras, Lens and other points. She is a demure, quiet little body, but she is unafraid and has nerves of steel. She has tendered her services to the United States government.

## MEN'S WESLEY BIBLE CLASS OFFERS PRIZES TO BOYS.

Believing in preparedness and desirous of seeing as many of the vacant lots of the city put under cultivation, the Men's Wesley Bible class of the Methodist church has offered three prizes in gold to the Methodist boys of Hendersonville who will raise the most potatoes and corn on a lot 66x 82 1-2 feet.

The prizes will be \$14 in gold for the first prize, and \$10 and \$5.00 in gold for the second and third prizes. The ages of the boys entering the contest are to be from 10 to 16 years. Some six or seven boys have given in their names and at least ten will have to enter if the contest is held. All Methodist boys between the ages specified wishing to join will please send in their names at once to the president of the class.

## MARKET GARDENING.

To meet this emergency will require organization and the shrewdest plans. It will also require sacrifice. A large share of the responsibility will rest upon the gardeners of the country. We must not fail in this the most critical period in the history of our country.

Plan for a larger area of late sweet corn. A variety like Stowell's Evergreen is an enormous producer under favorable conditions. Every farmer should plan to dry a large supply of it for his own table and surplus for sale.—T. L. Watts in National Stockman and Farmer.

## CITIZENS MUST CLEAN-UP DAYS MAY 1, 2, 3RD

### Henderson County Will Have to Feed Itself Next Year—City Lots Are Being Cultivated.

The people of Hendersonville must plant more gardens this year than ever before. There is no doubt in the minds of even the conservative people that the prices of food stuff will be higher this summer than any time since the civil war.

A prominent citizen said the other day that it was a blessed thing that cotton and tobacco could not be raised in this section, and that food products could be raised in abundance, provided all the available lands were cultivated.

It is a noticeable fact that a vast majority of the lots in Hendersonville have been, and are now being plowed. Henderson county is going to have to feed itself next year, and many of the farmers are now planting with that idea in view. The scarcity of feeds has caused the county to be shorter on cattle this year, than it has been for a long time. It is said that a person wanting a good milch cow is obliged to go out of the county to get one.

## Your Country Is In Need Of You

Fort Monroe, Va., April 21. Jefferson said, "It proves more forcibly the necessity of obliging every citizen to be a soldier. This was the case with the Greeks and Romans and must be that of any free state. Our attention should unremittingly be fixed on the safety of our country. For a people who are free and mean to remain so, a well organized and armed militia is their best security." Far from being a characteristic of imperialism, universal military service is the very cornerstone of Democracy.

Where the liberties of the people are the one inspiration of government; the people must be trained and ready to defend these liberties.

You have an organization close at hand and you owe it your support. It cannot exist without your service. Lieut. Wiltshire Griffith is the commanding officer of the artillery company and will have you examined and enlisted if you will apply to him. Sincerely, R. V. LADD, Captain N. C. N. G.

## Reciprocity-Day Here Was a Big Success

### Women of the First N. C. District of Federated Clubs Here Last Saturday.

With more than 200 visiting club women present, the fourth annual reciprocity meeting of the federated clubs of the first North Carolina district was held Saturday in this city, the Woman's Club entertaining the convention. Splendid reports, excellent addresses, and a harmonious desire to work for the betterment of the whole district marked the meeting, which was the largest ever held by the federated clubs of the district. Members from Tryon and Brevard who arrived first, were taken for an automobile ride through the historic Flat Rock section and with the arrival of the delegates from Asheville and other points en route, aside from those who made the trip in autos, the convention assembled at the Kentucky Home, where an informal reception for the visiting members was held. At 12:30 o'clock, the delegates present sat down to an elaborate luncheon in a dining room elaborately decorated by the Incheon committee of the Woman's club of Hendersonville, the hostess club of the convention.

Following the luncheon, Mrs. Theodore F. Malloy, of Asheville, called the business meeting to order at the opera house. Mrs. Michael Schenck, president of the Woman's club of Hendersonville, welcomed the guests in her characteristic cordial manner and Mrs. Malloy responded on behalf of the visiting delegates.

The following club presidents then made their reports: Mrs. T. C. Smith, for the Current Literature club, of Asheville; Miss Elizabeth Bernard, for the Friday Book club, of Asheville; Mrs. J. W. Wolfe, for the History club, of Asheville; Mrs. Chester Brown, for the Travelers' club, of Asheville; Mrs. W. J. Coker, for the Woman's club, of Asheville; Mrs. T. J. Harkins, for the Fortnightly club, of Asheville; Mrs. Coston, for the Time and Tide club, of Asheville; Mrs. N. Buckner, for the Civic league, Asheville; Mrs. C. N. Trowbridge, for the Mathasian club, Brevard; Mrs. T. S. Shipman, for the Wednesday club, Brevard; Mrs. Broadfoot, for the Woman's Betterment association, Black Mountain; Mrs. Lillian Frye, for the Friendly Dozen, Bryson City; Mrs. J. T. Baile, for the Woman's club, Canton; Mrs. Sarie Grady, for the Lanier club, Tryon; Mrs. William Sydney Porter, for the Utility club, Boyd's chapel; Mrs. Michael Schenck, for the Woman's club, Hendersonville.

Following these reports, which gave a comprehensive report of club activities during the past year, a splendid paper on "Government," prepared by D. Hiden Ramsey, of Asheville was read by Mrs. Charles Malcolm Platt, who led a round table discussion on this subject. Mrs. Lila Ripley Barnwell, also read a paper on the same subject.

Miss Grace Jones, of Asheville, then gave a most gratifying report of the endowment fund provided by the state federation for educational purposes. The delegates present then took up various important business matters, and decided that the district chairman will be elected by the convention in future instead of being appointed by the state president.

## BROWNING-CHAMBERLAIN TENT MEETING DRAW THOUSANDS

### Over 1500 Attended Sunday Night—Big Choir and Splendid Sermons are Heard.

Fully fifteen hundred people attended the Sunday night services of the Browning-Chamberlain meeting. Two services are being held daily and those held in the morning are comparatively well attended, while at night the big tent is full.

Mr. Chamberlain is busy training one hundred and twenty-five voices for the choir. Popular revival music is being used making the song services one of the principal features of the meetings.

Mr. Browning has met with a hearty co-operation from the people of this community. They like his style and manner and on all sides can be heard very favorable comments.

A large number of the merchants of the city are closing their stores during the hour between 10 and 11 o'clock, at the time of the morning services.

The cottage prayer meetings are being held all over the city, and those who are not attending are urged to do so in their respective vicinity.

Practically all the churches of the city are co-operating in this revival. All prayer meetings and Sunday night services have been discontinued in the various churches during this meeting. Sunday morning services will be held in the different churches and no service will be held in the tent until 8:30 in the afternoon.

The choir is being assisted by a number of instrumental musicians. Two pianos are being used.

## POLK-HENDERSON HIGHWAY TO GET SUM OF \$10,000

### Senator Justice Received Word That the Highway Commissioners Have Allotted This Amount to Polk.

Hendersonville will share indirectly in an appropriation allotted to Polk county by the state highway commission which met in Raleigh last Monday.

Ten thousand dollars will be appropriated to the highway in Polk county leading from Columbus thru Tryon to the Henderson county line. This work will begin at an early date according to a letter received by Senator J. F. Justice from Senator Benchan Cameron, who is chairman of the committee of public roads, of the 1917 legislature.

## Patriotic Mass Meeting By Colored Citizens of Hendersonville

An enthusiastic mass meeting was held at the court house Tuesday night April 17th, by the colored people. A splendid crowd was present. W. M. Robinson, chairman of the meeting called the house to order, stated the object of the meeting, emphasizing the importance of coming together to give expressions of allegiance to the unvanquished flag of the nation and loyalty to the President of the United States.

"America" was sung as never before. Rev. T. J. Davis prayed for the peace, happiness and prosperity of the world.

Amid applause the "Star Spangled Banner," rang from a choir of patriotic voices. The chairman introduced Rev. J. Beatty who appealed to his people to show their colors, prepare themselves to render their services in every way possible. To the white gentlemen who were present, he said "you fight well, you run well, if you fight well, you run well."

Rev. Whitney made an impressive talk showing the military genius of the negro in former wars. He exclaimed in conclusion the negro will be "Charlie on the job."

Rev. Branner said that the white people had done many good things for the colored man and he need not doubt his loyalty. His argument was strong and forceful. The recitation by Mrs. T. J. Davis and the poem by Mrs. Hattie Anderson added much to the occasion.

C. F. Bland and E. W. Ewbank inspired the audience with their encouraging words. Mr. Bland showed how the humblest man and woman can serve their country in raising food.

Mr. Ewbank gave a short history of the European war. Filled with the hope of victory and the spirit of prophecy he said that "Old Glory" will yet float over conquered Berlin. The battle hymn of the republic closed the meeting much to the good of all.

## LATE WAR NEWS

It now looks as if the conscription plan of selective draft will pass in congress.

An American steamship was chased for five miles by the German sea raider, Seeadler, off the coast of Brazil on April 12th.

President Wilson formerly received the British minister of foreign affairs, Arthur Balfour, and the members of the British commissioners, which arrived here a few days ago. The French commission includes, Marshall Joffre, and former premier Viviani, arrived in the United States on Tuesday.

Great Britain received two hundred million dollar loan as a part of the three billion dollar, the United States will make to the foreign allies.

The American steamship, Mongolia, has fired the first gun of the war for the United States, and sunk a German submarine near the British coast.

Approximately 125,000 have applied for service in Col. Roosevelt's army division. Sixty per cent of the volunteers are from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and other southern States.

The British royal flying corps Monday established a new record in bringing down German flying machines. Only two British machines are missing from this fight.

Ellih Root will head the American troops to Russia, if he will consent to undertake the duty.

## VOTE FOR INCREASED RATE OF TAXES FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

There are very many reasons why we need the increased rate of taxation. There are lots of things we really need, and still others we would like to have.

It was asked by some one why we intended doing with the proposed increase in taxation which would amount to about \$3600. We want to build more school rooms, employ more teachers, install a Domestic Science Department, and lengthen the school term to nine months. This would take \$2,745 of the \$3600. Then you ask what would we do with the remaining \$855. It will take six years to pay off the debt the school is now in, paying \$852 each year. So you see we can use every bit of the \$3600 and more too, if we had it.

Hendersonville only pays twenty cents on the hundred dollars, school tax, while Asheville pays 35c. Black Mountain 40c, Biltmore 30c, Canton 50c, Waynesville 70c and Andrews 75c. There is only one other town in North Carolina the size of this, that pays as low a tax as Hendersonville and that is Haw Creek.

Balfour is nothing like as large as Hendersonville, really nothing but a village, and it pays 10c more school tax on the hundred dollars than Hendersonville. Shouldn't we feel ashamed of that? I certainly think we should. And so to be in a place where we need not feel ashamed, we must have an increased rate of taxation.